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## DAWN'S ULTIMATE HIGH

Plunging to earth from 12,000 feet is not everyone's idea of fun, and Dawn Judge admitted she was "gripped with fear" at the thought of it.

Dawn, who is part of the Chartwell Catering team at Ellington and Hereson School, raised £600 for Cancer Research with fellow Isle School caterers Mark Curtis and David Findlay.

She fell to earth at Headcorn airfield and said: "It was my first time in a plane, let alone doing a parachute jump. The adrenalin rush I felt was nothing I had felt before, I was so high.

"The feeling was extraordinarily mind-blowing. I would most certainly do it again."

In total the team hopes to raise £2,000 in sponsorship money.

■ BY TOM BETTS

PEOPLE living in a Margate tower block have released an image of how they would like the revamped building to look.

Arlington House will get a makeover if plans for Tesco to open a store next to it are approved.

However, a design as to what it could look like did not win universal backing from those who live in the seafront tower block.

Now the residents association's own design shows the block sporting blue and white colours, rather than the dirty grey currently adorning it.

The site is owned by Thanet council, which leases it to property group Freshwater.

Attempts to clean the front of the building have been made with steam-cleaners to remove the build-up of dirt and grime that has gathered there over the years.

Paint has also been used to try to make it look less of an eyesore.

Arlington House Residents Association chairman Ron Greene said: "I am amazed that Freshwater is continuing to experiment with trying to paint over the concrete panels.

"They have been exposed to nearly 50 years of weathering in an exposed environment. Salt, sand and dirt have taken their toll. The steam-cleaning merely pushes the dirt and salt further into the concrete.

"The painting of the panels does nothing to rid the building of its reputation as an eyesore as the inherent discoloration can still be seen.

"We have presented Thanet council with a report detailing options which would meet the

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**GIVE US A WAVE:** Planes from Manston can pass low over many properties in Ramsgate

# Council flight noise monitor out of action

■ BY TOM BETTS

A **MOBILE** noise monitor designed to record the volume of flights overflying the isle from Manston airport is still out of action.

The machine, which can be taken to different locations across Thanet, is the only one that can be moved from set locations to monitor the level of disturbance made by planes.

However, it is lying unused because there are problems with data collection and taking the information from it.

Thanet council could not say, or declined to say, exactly how long it had been out of use.

A spokeswoman would only say it had not been in use "since early this year".

Airport owners Infratil supply the machine, under the terms of the Section 106 agreement, but it is the council's duty to maintain it and make sure it is working.

No penalties are imposed upon the council if it is not in use, but at

last month's KIACC (Kent International Airport Consultative Committee) meeting, members of the committee voiced their annoyance at the situation.

Section 106 is the written agreement between the council and the airport, which lays out rules for issues such as noise and flight paths, among other things.

Noise monitoring is seen as a vital part of the agreement, but no time-frame for the machine to be up and running correctly has yet been given.

The council spokeswoman said: "There are ongoing problems with establishing communications with the kit to download the data. There are a number of options to try to resolve these problems and until each one has been tried by the council we cannot give a definitive time for it being fully operational."

"A problem was discovered during the last use of the monitor earlier this year. It was returned for calibration in June, when we identified the communications difficulties."

The monitor works on a threshold detection system, which means it records noise over a set threshold.

## Man's leg is broken in Madness gig assault

**POLICE** are appealing for information after a man's leg was broken at the recent Madness concert at Quex Park.

He was the victim of an assault at the venue in Park Lane in Birchington, between 9.30-10pm on Saturday, July 24.

It is alleged the 42-year-old was near the toilet area when he was punched to the ground.

It is said his leg was then stamped on with such force that the bone was broken.

If anyone witnessed the incident or has any information that may help police, they can phone 01622 690690 quoting reference EY/011951/10.

Alternatively, you can contact Kent CrimeStoppers on 0800 555111.

## Exceptional praise for Pilgrims volunteers

**THREE** loyal volunteers have been praised for working at Pilgrims Hospice in Thanet for 15 years.

Deanna Balchin, Sue Graeme and Jean Taylor were told by chief executive Steve Auty and chairman of the trustees Dr Richard Morey that they had given "exceptional service."

Dr Morey said: "Deanna, Sue, Jean and the rest of the wonderful team of volunteers at Thanet have shown fantastic dedication to Pilgrims Hospices."

"Their warm personalities are crucial on the reception as often our reception volunteers are the first point of contact for patients and visitors."

Mr Auty said: "Thankfully our volunteers working across our three sites, in our shops and on our fund-raising committees are equally as loyal and hard-working."

"We are fortunate to have such enthusiastic support. We could not survive without them."

If you would like to volunteer at the hospice, phone 01843 233927.

## Witnesses sought after bike death

**POLICE** are appealing for witnesses after a motorbike rider was killed on the A20 at Capel-le-Ferne.

Lewis Honey from Ramsgate died after being involved in an incident that happened at about 10.15pm on Sunday, August 1, on the coastbound stretch of the road.

He hit the central reservation.

It is thought that no other vehicles were involved.

Anyone who saw what happened or has information that could help police is asked to phone the serious collision investigation unit on 01622 798 530.

# Dog-abuse thug sentenced

A **MAN** who harassed his neighbours and abused his own dog must pay compensation to his victims and complete 10 hours of unpaid work.

Luke Brown, of Clarendon Road, Margate, admitted harassing his neighbour when he appeared at Thanet court in Margate last week.

Brown, 19, spat at his neighbours as part of the harassment and his own family members even decided to stop living with him as they found his behaviour so intimidating.

Brown has now been banned from keeping animals for three years and must cough up £100 to those he intimidated as compensation.

The RSPCA prosecuted him after he was seen kicking his dog.

PC Sue Luck, who headed the police investigation, said: "Luke Brown caused some serious problems for his neighbours, some of whom even stayed with family and friends because they were so intimidated by his behaviour."

"Complaints ranged from abusive signs in his window to playing loud music and spitting at people – no one should have to put up with this kind of behaviour."

As a result of the extensive efforts from the various agencies involved, and those of neighbourhood officers PC Lynn Short and Alex Taylor, Brown has now given up his tenancy with Thanet council and will no longer live at the address in Clarendon Road.

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# Pie's the limit for young music industry hopefuls

■ BY TOM BETTS

PIE Factory Music has dozens of apprentice and industry course places up for grabs for young people who want to better themselves.

The charity, based in Ramsgate, is offering 32 people the chance to gain experience, learn new skills and have something worthwhile to add to their CV.

There are 12 placements as apprentices available across Kent, which last for 4 months and take 15 hours a week.

Ideally applicants will be aged between 16 and 25, be currently out of work and enthusiastic for a challenge.

The work will involve working in many aspects of Pie Factory's operations, from taking workshops, helping run events and working on the music

## Courses

You will receive training and have the opportunity to take courses to help you learn more about the job.

Expenses of £40 a week are paid and anyone claiming Jobseekers Allowance will be able to continue claiming that benefit for the duration of the work.

Meanwhile, 20 places are available on six month music industry courses again best for those aged 16 to around 25.

They will give you the chance to learn about design, music production, industry management, recording and publishing music, royalties, promotion and even film media.

There is no charge to take up an apprenticeship position or take the industry courses.



**DECKS APPEAL:** A youngster gets into the mix at a DJ workshop and, right, the team at Pie Factory Music in Ramsgate



New arrivals at Pie Factory music, who work there through the Thanet Works initiative paid for by the government's Future Jobs Fund, are Stefan White and Victor de Ridder.

Victor, 22, a rapper and MC who originally came to Pie Factory as someone who wanted to record his music and get involved, has ended up scoring a full time job.

He said: "I wasn't really enjoying my last job and I never saw music as a career, but when the chance came up to do this, I jumped at it. It has been an exciting experience and if there are people out there who are interested in music then an apprenticeship is ideal.

"If you are unemployed and looking for something to do, then I would definitely apply and see what comes of it. It's been a fantastic thing for me. I was over the moon when I heard I had got a job. It has opened my eyes to so much."

Stefan, 20, from Broadstairs, is in rock bands

Morning Departure and Thousands Army and also found himself employed by the charity late last year.

He said: "I've learnt a lot working here and I'm glad the chance came up. I would recommend it to anyone who is interested in working in music because it could lead to much more."

Pie Factory's programme manager Steve Kreeger said: "We are hoping to fill all the spaces on both the courses and apprenticeships so want to hear from people now.

"It's great if people know how to play an instrument, but it is not essential by any means. The point is to give people a start learning the trade and to see how they develop."

Visit [www.piefactorymusic.com/main](http://www.piefactorymusic.com/main) for more information on the organisation.

You can also email [steve@piefactorymusic.com](mailto:steve@piefactorymusic.com) or call 01843 596777 to talk about the apprenticeships and courses.

## Cash will help bridge the gap

ONE of the country's most ancient charities, the Rochester Bridge Trust, has awarded £5,000 to two community projects in Thanet.

The Kenward Trust has received £3,000 towards the redevelopment and landscaping of gardens at its Lighthouse Project, Margate.

It provides accommodation and support for young people recovering from drug and alcohol addictions.

The Thanet Kidz Club has also benefited from a cash injection after it received £2,000 from the trust.

The club, which offers activities for children on Saturday mornings, will be able to buy new equipment thanks to the grant.

## Objectives

The Rochester Bridge Trust, which was founded at the end of the 14th century to maintain a bridge across the River Medway, awards grants each year to community projects reflecting the Trust's history, activities and objectives.

This year the trust has made community grants of more than £48,000 across Kent.

Sue Threader, Rochester Bridge Trust clerk, said: "Supporting community projects is an important part of our work standing alongside our main focus of maintaining our Rochester bridges and financial planning for their replacement in the future.

"We receive no public funding for any of our work. When the trust was founded, benefactors donated land and money to ensure a sustained income for bridge maintenance and rebuilding. Some of this land is still owned by the trust.

"It is our continuing management of these investments that ensures that we can meet our obligations in maintaining a bridge crossing at Rochester at no expense to local residents or taxpayers."

## Arlington House

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE requirements of the council's own planning brief. It contains sample images to give an idea of what the block could look like.

"Freshwater should not be allowed to just do the bare minimum in order to get planning permission for Tesco to be allowed on to the site."

Before the site can be revamped, improvements need to be made, including making the building presentable.

Mr Green said: "The planning brief also provides for a Section 106 agreement which allows the council to require the developer to refurbish Arlington House to become a positive landmark.

"The council has announced that £100,000 is to be spent on improving seafront eyesores.

"However, the biggest of those eyesores - Arlington House - is missing from the list."

Mr Green said he would like to see the building clad rather than cleaned or painted, as "other tower blocks in Thanet had already been refurbished using a similar principle".



**WISH:** Arlington House residents' desired look

## Wave of Folk Week euphoria lands 'car surfer' in hot water

POLICE officers who arrested a joker 'surfing' on a car-roof were booed by crowds at Folk Week in Broadstairs.

As music from nearby pubs spilled on to the street, a man climbed on to a car with a canoe on the roof-rack near The Dolphin as a driver tried to go slowly down the street, which was jam-packed with people.

However, his capers left him £50 out of pocket and brought to an end his festival fun.

After he had boarded the car the crowd went wild, cheering the prankster as he mimicked a surfer's stance while perched on top of the vehicle, which by this time had come to a halt.

Police officers told the young man, who was wearing shorts and sandals, to get down, much to the crowd's annoyance, and he was arrested.

One witness said: "The crowd were enjoying watching him and he received a lot of cheers and laughs.

"Everyone was enjoying his antics, but they certainly let rip with the jeers and boos when he was told to stop and then arrested.

"He was pulling lots of poses, mainly with his arms out as if riding a wave. It was pretty funny.

"The driver had stopped by this point, probably as they knew someone was on the roof and it was dangerous."

His girlfriend said: "It was only a bit of fun, but I suppose the police have to do something to keep order and stop any accidents."

After the man had been taken down, the woman driving noticed that her car had been damaged during the incident, which took place at around 11pm.

However, the two people inside showed some tolerance for what had happened and agreed to let the matter pass as long as the man gave money to the children's ward at the local hospital.

He duly obliged and went and got the money out of a nearby cashpoint straight away.

The silly surfer was then given a Section 27 order banning him from the town centre for 48 hours, bringing his evening to a premature end.

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# Funding opens the curtains to new drama

■ BY TOM BETTS

A THEATRE company which feared its Arts Council funding was being slashed has received a huge boost.

Net Curtains, which is bringing a Margate-themed play, to the Theatre Royal in late September heard last week that it has received funding to put on the production after it faced an uncertain future.

Net Curtains founder and artistic director Claire Farrington said: "I am absolutely delighted that we have, in these difficult times, been awarded an Arts Council grant to produce First Impressions at Theatre Royal Margate. This is the culmination of years of work for us.

"Now everyone needs to come and see it."

In the play an incognito Joseph Turner enters a Margate inn to meet the widow who will model for some of his raciest work.

A rare painting of his re-surfaces 200 years later, after it is discovered in a dead woman's flat. The race to own the painting becomes the subject of a bidding war, and things turn sour.

The work is written by Tim Stimpson who has worked on the Archers, BBC Radio 4, and BBC One soap Doctors. It is directed by Mel Cook

Claire said: "First Impressions is a must see play for anyone with memories of Margate or an interest in the town's future. Last year it played to an audience of over 300, who voted for it to return in full. The audience loved the fact it tied together some of the great elements of Margate's past with questions about its future.

"It doesn't mean that magically we have enough money for all aspects of the produc-



**CASH GRANTED:** Director Claire Farrington and script writer Tim Stimpson from Net Curtains

tion though. The grant is reliant on us raising another £5,000 towards the costs. But I'm hoping that with such an accreditation, prominent local businesses and individuals will get behind it with some personal donations, in return for heaps of publicity and the knowledge they have been part of a team putting on a brave new piece of theatre about their town.

"With just five weeks to go, this is plea to the people and businesses of Margate. This play is about you and your town. Now we need you to back it by either making a donation towards the production costs or bringing a large party of people to see it."

The play has a limited run of only three performances. The first at 7.30pm on Friday, September 24, the second, an afternoon matinee 2.30pm, on Saturday 25 and a third later that same day at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £12, or £10 concessions. School group discounts and industry tickets available.

## Yourthanet on iPad

KOS Media, publisher of Yourthanet, has launched its new app for the Apple iPad, a first for a regional newspaper

The much-hyped iPad, a tablet computer with a nine-inch screen, has offered a new way for people to read their news since it was released by Apple two months ago.

Paul Stannard, managing director of KOS Media said: "As soon as we knew the iPad was set for release, we began working on an app with our developers PageSuite.

"I am extremely pleased with the new app and it will offer huge advantages to our readers who have access to one."

The iPad app launch follows the success of KOS Media's news app for the Apple iPhone last year.

The company was the first regional media group to give iPhone users access to its news in this way.

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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

### Van man attacks driver

POLICE are appealing for information after an assault in Spartling Lane, Ramsgate.

It happened between 5.30pm and 5.45pm on Tuesday, August 3.

A 59-year-old man was driving his Vauxhall Corsa along the narrow road when he pulled over to let an approaching van pass.

It is reported the van driver stopped his vehicle behind the car, got out and smashed the car's door with a piece of wood.

The Corsa driver got out and challenged the man and it is then said the van driver hit him with the wood, causing bruising down the side of his body.

The suspect is described as being a white male, aged around 60, of stocky build with short dark brown hair. He wore dark clothes and boots, and was driving a Nissan Cabster.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call 01622 690690, or CrimeStoppers on 0800 555111.

### Have a blast at the beach

BEACH volleyball, live music, body art and a free barbeque will be available at the next Beach Blast event for young people today.

Thanet council and Engage have teamed up to provide the event for youngsters aged 11-19, which takes place at Joss Bay near Broadstairs. Beach Blast is completely free to attend, and will include a host of activities for both the able bodied and the disabled.

Visit [www.engagethanet.co.uk](http://www.engagethanet.co.uk) for more information. Children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information call 01843 596777.

### TV Pearl to reopen home

A STAR of the popular TV show Last of the Summer Wine will open a care home.

Juliette Kaplan, best known as battleaxe Pearl in the long-running BBC comedy series, will open the Bradstowe Lodge care home in Broadstairs.

It has had a major interior refurbishment, and part rebuild, courtesy of architect Paul Axton and Westgate-based builders CJ Ellis.

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# Fraudsters handed curfew for claiming too many benefits

THREE benefit cheats from Ramsgate have been electronically tagged after they were handed curfew orders for their crimes, **writes Tom Betts.**

Mark Bateman, 44, of The Paragon, was claiming housing benefit, council-tax benefit and incapacity benefit based on the fact that he was a single person.

An investigation discovered he was living with Stacey Hollinshead, who later became his partner. She was in full-time employment.

As a result, he was overpaid £18,851.21.  
At Canterbury Crown Court on Monday last week, he admitted seven charges of false representation from May 2006.

He was given a ten-month suspended prison sentence. He will spend four months on a curfew order with an electronic tag to ensure he is at his home between 7pm and 7am.

In the second case, Colin North, 56, from Augusta Road, was claiming housing and council tax benefits and income support on the basis he was out of work and had no capital money.

A joint investigation showed he had undeclared accounts, with more than £90,000 in capital. He was interviewed and stated that

money had been inherited. It had been verbally agreed it would be given to their children but had been left to North and his wife.

He was overpaid £28,512.66 but, prior to the case going to court, he paid back £9,312.63.

At Canterbury Crown Court on Thursday, August 5, he admitted three charges of failing to promptly notify a change in circumstances.

Taking into account his early guilty plea and the fact he had repaid a significant sum, he was given a six-month suspended sentence and a four-month curfew, with electronic monitoring. He has to be at home between 8pm and 6am.

The final case was against Tina Dannahy, 54, from Pegwell Road, who was receiving housing benefit, council-tax benefit and Jobseekers' Allowance.

She failed to notify Thanet council and the DWP that her partner had been living with her. In total, she was overpaid £8,752.

At Margate court on Thursday, August 5, she admitted the charges and was given a compensation order to pay back the money and a six-month curfew order. She will be electronically monitored and not allowed to leave home between 7pm and 7am each day.

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# Commendation for efforts that led to six-year sentence

A CCTV operator has received a commendation from the High Sheriff of Kent after helping to secure the arrest of a gunman who almost blinded his victim.

Andrew Selfridge from Thanet council's CCTV team was on duty on the night of December 18, 2009, when he noted a fight in Camden Square, Ramsgate.

He was watching the screens monitoring the area around the Plains of Waterloo behind The Camden Arms when a crowd appeared, with some of the group arguing.

## Agitated

A man walked up to the group from the bottom of the Plains of Waterloo in an agitated state and pulled a handgun from his coat pocket, threatening one of the crowd.

Most of the crowd parted, but one man had not seen the gun and it was fired three times into his face. He received a puncture wound two millimetres below his eye and was lucky not to lose his sight.

Mr Selfridge alerted police on the CCTV unit's police radio as a priority call, which is the highest grade a call can be given.

■ BY TOM BETTS

The CCTV system was then used to follow the man to a nearby address, with police given details of his description and whereabouts. They closed the surrounding roads and a firearms team was sent.

At his trial, the man was sentenced to six years in prison for possession of an imitation firearm with intent to endanger life.

A person can only be commended for the award from the High Sheriff of Kent by a judge. In this case, Mr Selfridge was put forward by His Honour Judge Nash at Canterbury Crown Court.

He was commended for the "prompt, efficient and professional manner in which he acted".

"It's always nice to be recognised for your work, but I felt slightly embarrassed and humbled to be awarded the High Sheriff of Kent's commendation... I think the award is more a reflection on the work we do as a team in CCTV than my specific efforts," said Mr Selfridge.

Chris Wells, of Thanet council, said: "Those thinking of breaking the law should understand how cameras can be used to track an offender and help with their arrest."

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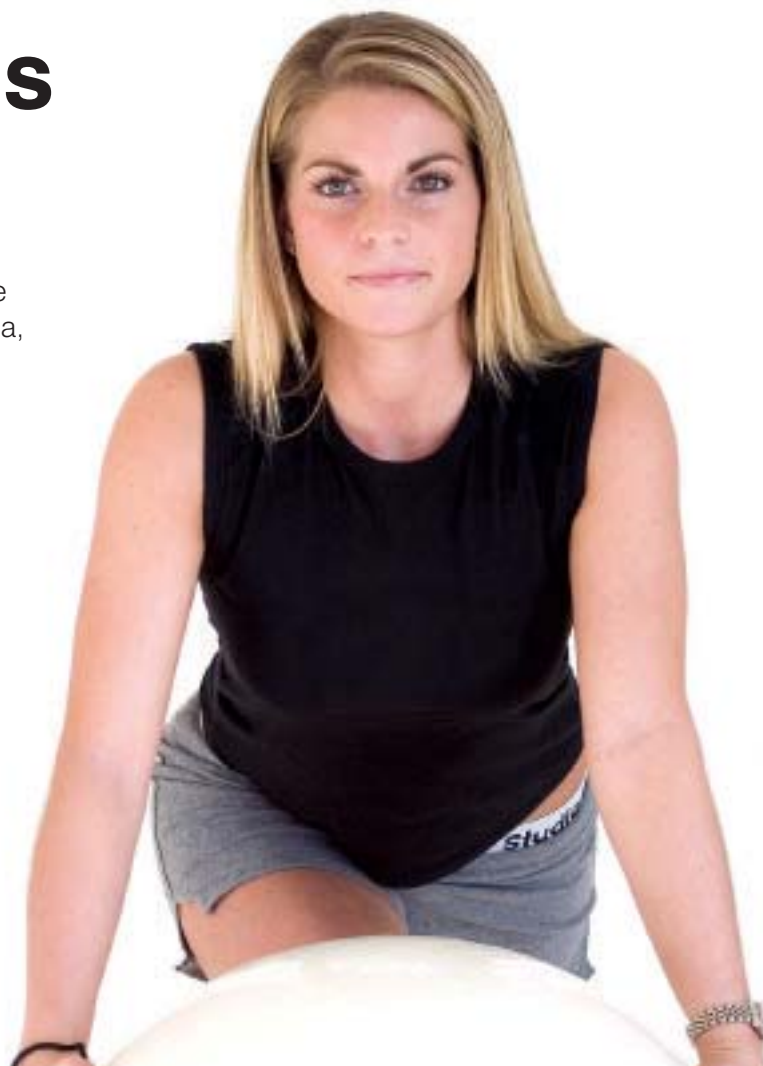
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# Dive in to the seaside

THE annual splash-fest that is the Broadstairs Water Gala will take place next week.

The traditional fun and games include races, competitions and contests all hitting the seaside town, and KOS Media is media sponsor of the fun.

The annual event, a huge fixture on the isle's summer calendar, draws thousands to the town to enjoy the festivities and makes ideal family entertainment.

The fun mainly takes place around the Victoria Gardens and the promenade and lasts all day.

There will be the much-loved Millers v Sweeps raft race, which sees two teams hit the high seas and do their best to knock each other off course, employing such tactics as flour bombs, soot bombs and other high jinx to reach the finish line.

In recent years, old favourites such as the Greasy Pole, where participants try their



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# fun at the water gala



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There will also be a tug of war, a Teddy Bears' picnic at the Lillyputt mini golf course on Victoria Parade at 9.30am, and at 10am King Neptune will emerge from the sea.

More traditional seaside days will be held and there will be beach volleyball at Viking bay, a funfair, beach Connect 4, craft and trade stalls, a sand-castle competition and a beach hut-decorating competition – which this year has a theme of Club Tropicana. Live music will be by bands and singers.

The day will culminate in a fireworks display over Broadstairs, and most attractions are totally free to attend.

Although the train station is a five-minute walk from where the action takes place, getting to the town early to park is advised if coming by car.

More than 100 years old, the water gala has been going since 1885, although it was initially known as Water Sports.

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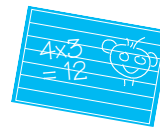
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## BREAK TIME



## Pick of the bunch

ONE of the Isle's Blue Flag bays is getting an extra helping hand.

Students from Hartsdown Technology College in Margate are working with the Marine Conservation Society to help keep the beach at Westbrook Bay as clean as possible and to monitor the types of litter they find.

Science teacher Tim Cramp said: "We're proud of our tidy school and wanted to help the community in a similar way."



## Poppy's positive sign

THE pupil who designed a new sign for an Orbit South sheltered-housing scheme has watched it being made.

Poppy Chapman from The Charles Dickens School in Broadstairs entered a competition to design the sign for Cherry Court in St Peters and won.

Poppy has since visited Blaze Neon to see the sign being printed. In September, when she is back at school, Poppy will carry out the official unveiling.

# Going to great panes to make school windows

■ BY TOM BETTS

BEAUTIFULLY-crafted stained-glass panels are providing a window on learning for Birchington pupils.

Creative glazier Aaron Cornwell has designed the two Biblical scenes – Jonah and the whale and Noah's Ark – as centrepieces in the main assembly hall at the village primary school.

He has two more panels – David and Goliath and Daniel in the lion's den – to design and transfer to glass panels during the next 18 months as part of the commissioned project.

## Spiritual

Head-teacher Kath Barham said: "These lovely panels enhance the spiritual feel of the school hall – especially during our collective worship."

"We wanted to bring the sense of awe and wonder that church stained-glass windows often bring to a church but give them a slightly more modern feel that was more suited to a primary school."

"They are great to use as topics for discussion with the children as they learn about The Bible stories – they are also fabulous examples of creative art to inspire our young artists."

Aaron devised the overlay method of stained-glass panels that he utilised in this project, which took him about 14 days and five nights for each window.

He said: "It is a labour of love for me. Stained



**VISION ON:** The two stained-glass windows by glazier Aaron Cornwell have brought spectacular colour to the school

windows add terrific dimension and atmosphere to rooms.

"In this commission, my drawings are quite simple characters to make it easy for the chil-

dren to pick out the story detail in the pictures.

"Other works of mine, like the four-and-a-half-metre apex window in a masonic temple in Birchington, are far more complex."

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## YOUR LETTERS

### Car-roof surfer on a wave of stupidity

I'm writing with regard to the story reported on this paper's website [www.yourthanet.co.uk](http://www.yourthanet.co.uk) concerning the car-roof surfer at Broadstairs Folk Week.

I saw this incident and the man in question should be given an ASBO to set an example to like-minded idiots.

This stupidity ruins Folk Week for so many people who look forward to the event and organise the festivities.

Needless to say, I assume the fool has nothing better to do than get drunk all the time.

**Ted Crooks**  
Cliftonville

### Wind of change but links to isle remain

Re. the story 'Hawkwind show they still have spirit of the age', the connections still continue as there is a locally-revived backing group of Robert Calvert's called The Starfighters under the leadership of the original band's Thanet members Jamie Cortinas, Luigi Michael and Aaron Philips.

They are now booked to play at the Isle of Wight with the original Hawkwind on August Bank Holiday, 40 years on from the hippy festival there.

Also, another Thanet Hawkwind founder, Nik Turner, has just booked to play at The Westcoat Bar in Margate with his band.

**Lord Armstrong**  
comment left on [www.yourthanet.co.uk](http://www.yourthanet.co.uk)

### Just get on with your work, Worrow

I am surprised that councillor Jean Fleming has chosen to write to the Press about use of the title 'councillor' (letters, August 4) in a way that only gives part of the story.

After all, she did attend the meeting on Monday, July 26, and knows full well what happened.

The proposal that councillor Brian White put forward was indeed a motion that "the use of the title councillor is only to be used in official parish council business".

This proposal was seconded, discussed and carried by a majority vote – Ms Fleming being one of the dissenters. Surely, that is the democratic procedure adopted by parish councils throughout England.

I am also surprised Cllr Fleming chose to consult the chairman of the Thanet Area Parishes Committee on a point of law.

The chairman is, of course, John Worrow, who is also a member of Birchington Parish Council. He was not even present at the meeting.

With this in mind, one must question why Cllr Worrow states "... maybe we should be asking parish councillor White why he thinks he should have these powers".

## your blogger

Isle Labour leader Clive Hart slams the betrayal of Dalby Square residents by Thanet council



THANET council is gifting the green space at Dalby Square to developers against the wishes of residents and ward councillors through a decision made at the last Conservative cabinet meeting.

A large number of issues was omitted from the report being discussed on the night of that meeting. These included:

- The current use of the land, which has been a community green space since Thanet council laid it to lawn in 1995.
- Minutes of a previous council working party and subsequent cabinet meeting where council members had recommended returning the area to green space.
- Thanet council's key commitment to improving quality use of open spaces and a key project to develop a targeted programme for improving play facilities, both confirmed just three weeks ago.
- Previous agreements with the Dalby Square Project Group, who have raised almost £400,000 to improve the square, that included planning permission to create a garden space on the very site being discussed.
- A decade of negotiations with the Dalby Square Project Group and seven years with ward councillors where all had stressed consistently that the green space should be retained.

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Had Cllr Worrow attended the meeting, he would have been able to put this question to Cllr White and contributed to the discussion by expressing his views on this draconian proposal in council rather than in the Press.

Maybe he would then have realised that the "special powers" he refers to in the Press are nothing more sinister than the rights vested in all parish councillors – to ensure that parish council matters are conducted in an open and democratic manner.

Is Cllr Fleming not aware she has the right, as a parish councillor, to consult the Kent Association of Local Councils for guidance on points of law?

Its offices are in Folkestone and the phone number is 01303 248252.

If she has read standing orders, she should also know she has plenty of time in which to seek this advice as it states that any subject that results in a proposition that is passed by the council cannot be brought back to the council's attention for a further six months.

Better still, I suggest that she and Cllr Worrow cease to concern themselves with titles and get on with their work.

**Heather Sear**  
by email

### Title is all part of the democratic process

I totally support Birchington parish councillor Jean Fleming and her

colleagues in their struggle to keep their democratic right as councillors to be able choose what official council work they undertake using the title of councillor.

In her letter to Yourthanet, Cllr Fleming pointed out that Brian White and his chums forced through a very questionable motion that could take away this democratic right.

I hear that public meetings at Birchington Parish Council are becoming quite authoritarian, something that I am very concerned about as someone who had family fighting overseas to protect these very same rights in other countries.

**Simon Davies**  
Birchington

### Will fools who made the mess clean it up?

Concerning the recent front-page story about the task force being set up on the isle to tackle poverty and low life-expectancy...

With Margate having a life-expectancy 18 years lower than other parts of Kent – dying at 63 instead of 81 years old – we are now on a par with Haiti or Burma.

Should we be paying council tax to be killed off this early?

More importantly, where are the toxin details for the potential polluters of this isle?

Even more importantly, are the fools who created this toxic inheritance for their children and

- Even details of a recent consultation evening where residents and ward councillors had objected to building on the green space.

As ward councillors, Linda Aldred, Doug Clark and I also produced Thanet council plans from 2008 that were specifically used by the authority to get the site through the asset-disposal process. The plans included a 700sq m green space – yet another item ignored.

Residents' and ward councillors' concerns were simply whitewashed from every stage of the process.

Years of work by local residents has been snubbed and, to use the Dalby Square group chairman's own words, they feel "sad and betrayed" by what happened at Thanet council during that cabinet meeting.

People are asking why the developers' drop-in consultation took place on one evening and the following evening Thanet council declared the square a conservation area. And how can the land be 'gifted' to a developer by the local authority during the application process.

For me, the final blow came when the chief executive explained in great detail how Thanet council had bent over backwards to accommodate the developer in every possible way. No mention of the residents. It was a clear case of backing buildings over green space and backroom deals over meaningful consultation.

The final planning application to build on the green will be discussed at Thanet council planning committee on September 15, and I sincerely hope any isle residents with objections will register them with Thanet council before the closing date of August 27.

grandchildren likely to be the ones to get us out of it?

**Tim Garbutt**  
Ramsgate

### Bullfighting ban step in the right direction

I was delighted to hear that the parliament of Catalonia has voted to ban bullfighting, despite its place in Spain's cultural tradition.

For a long time I have been concerned by this barbaric practice and the action in Catalonia was an important step towards the total ban I would like to see.

Bullfighting is a continuation of a cruel age from the past, in which the suffering of animals was a spectacle for public entertainment.

I have received numerous letters objecting to bullfighting.

I am determined to make sure that no money from the EU is ever used to fund this bloody tradition.

I look forward to the day when this ban is extended across the whole of Spain.

**Catherine Bearder MEP (Liberal Democrats)**  
South-east England

### Trident is deterring jobs, not attacks

The most expensive single element of the Government's future defence budget is Trident nuclear-missile renewal, at about £97 billion over the life of the system.

Since the coalition government was formed, the Ministry of Defence and the main opposition party are all divided about this expenditure – there is good reason to cancel this spending.

Kent Green Party asserts that with this cut, fair taxation and a closure of tax havens, the excessive cuts now hitting front-line services could be abandoned.

The implications for public-sector employment and household spending with local businesses in Kent would, overall, be to keep a lot of people in work.

Continuing on the coalition's present path will, as many economists are arguing, lead to a 'double-dip recession'.

Kent Green Party does not accept that nuclear weapons are a deterrent.

If this was the case, then Argentina would never have attacked the Falkland Islands.

Similarly, Georgia would not have taken the risk that its actions might provoke the Russian Federation, a state with nuclear weapons, to attack Georgia.

Nuclear deterrence is a big lie and people should not be paying with their jobs to keep Trident or other British nuclear weapons.

Remembering Hiroshima and Nagasaki this month should be marked by the coalition cancelling Trident as its contribution to reducing nuclear proliferation.

**Steve Dawe**  
Kent Green Party

### Working to stop cycle of our jobless families

Almost one in eight children living in the South East are growing up in a home where no one has a job.

Alarming, this equates to 176,000 youngsters who, according to a new report from The Prince's Trust and Qa Research, are significantly more likely to struggle when it comes to finding work.

For many growing up in workless families, it is 'normal' not to have a job, not to go to work and earn a steady wage.

Qa Research has found that young people across the region are facing a cycle of worklessness and many can't see a way out.

It is an absolute tragedy to think that so many feel condemned to a life on benefits when they are capable of so much more.

More worryingly, they are likely to be driven further from the jobs market as they struggle to compete with the post-recession backlog of unemployed graduates.

It is organisations like The Prince's Trust, working with local councils, businesses and individuals, that are key to helping young people into jobs.

Only by giving them skills, confidence and positive role models can we help them escape unemployment for good.

If we fail to stop these disadvantaged young people becoming disadvantaged adults, this cycle will blight these families for generations to come.

**Rosemary Watt-Wynnes**  
The Prince's Trust





ON AIR: Ed Hill, second left, and the CHR team with Lord Mayor Cllr Pat Todd

## If in doubt, always start with a blast of Sammy Davis Jr

CANTERBURY Hospital Radio embarked on a live 24-hour sponsored broadcast.

As one of the team of presenters involved, I drew the short straw of being the first to start the radio marathon at noon on Saturday.

Armed with nearly my entire CD collection I hoped it would be a good show. I started the broadcast with a number by Sammy Davis Jr. His performances are filled with so much energy – I hoped it would be a good omen.

I also had a list of requests from patients collected from the wards. These can often be surprising and although the station's archive is extensive, there is often a number or two that can be hard to track down.

One thing working on the station has made me realise is the wide range of people's interest in music. There so many genres and artists and more coming along every minute.

Canterbury Hospital Radio (CHR) has been providing patients with an 'interactive' service long before that word was ever heard of in the media.

Its unique asset is the contact with patients, hopefully making their time on the ward a bit more bearable.

For example, one patient had nearly an entire half hour of country music dedicated to him. With 24 hours to fill, just one song seemed a bit mean to me.

With my first three-hour session over I passed the baton to Gavin and Jonathon who would be doing a run down of the latest charts. CHR is a free service run entirely

### ■ BY ED HILL

by volunteers. Its members are not only involved in presenting but in all the other aspects needed to keep it running.

This includes the technical knowledge of maintaining the studio, administration and fund-raising.

When not broadcasting live the station provides music and programmes around the clock thanks to its computerised system.

My last of several sessions at the mic was early on Sunday. I awoke bleary-eyed having caught just a few hours' sleep to begin again at 6am. Two hours into the show 11-year-old Jessica Redfearn and her mum Tarnia, from Ashford, came to the studio to talk about the little known phenomenon of strokes in young children.

With my last three-hour session over, the Lord Mayor of Canterbury, Cllr Pat Todd, came in to talk to one of our newest presenters, Mark. He spoke about the role of the Lord Mayor and the prospects of local athletes at the 2012 Olympics.

CHR fundraiser Stevie Mckennon said: "I would like to thank all the volunteers and sponsors who helped make the broadcast a success. We are in the process of improving our service for patients and our looking for new members."

**To donate or find out more email [admin@chradi.org.uk](mailto:admin@chradi.org.uk)**

## Stroke rehab team wants volunteers for research

A NATIONAL stroke rehabilitation study called Getting out of the House is looking for volunteers.

An NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent team headed by Dr David Smithard is one of ten across the UK taking part in the research project. Getting out of the house after a stroke is important and the team is looking for volunteers to help improve stroke rehab. Volunteers will be offered information about travel and transport in the area and the team will also collect information about how they have managed after a stroke.

Some participants will be offered targeted rehabilitation from therapists. All information collected will be confidential and used only for research purposes.

Dr Smithard said: "Many people have problems getting back to normal activities after a stroke. This project is a fantastic opportunity for stroke patients to get help and it will also improve local rehabilitation services."

For more details, email Linda Cowie at [lindacowie@nhs.net](mailto:lindacowie@nhs.net).

## Putting away those shears will help our feathered friends

THE RSPB is urging gardeners to check hedges and shrubs for late nesting birds before getting out the shears.

The charity's Sophie McCallum said: "The RSPB receives a lot of calls from people who have started hedge trimming and discovered a nest. It is disturbing for gardeners to think they have upset their garden birds and they worry they may fly the nest and the young won't survive."

The RSPB recommends starting winter trimming in late September, at the earliest, as cutting now can also deprive birds and mammals of food.



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## DAY & NIGHT

### Fantasy art on show

WORK by 96-year-old fantasy artist Cyril Parfitt can be seen in Ramsgate this weekend.

The exhibition will be on display upstairs at the Old Custom House in Harbour Parade from Friday to Sunday. For details call 01843 581427 or 07749 572388 or go to [www.cyrilparfitt.co.uk](http://www.cyrilparfitt.co.uk).

### Celebrate world music

WORLD music will be celebrated at Chilli Fried: The Afro-Latin Beat.

Music for Change presents BouGaRaBou and DJ Jamie Renton at the East Quay Venue at Whitstable Harbour from 8pm on Friday. Tickets cost £8 in advance from Hotel Continental or £10 on the door. For details visit [www.musicforchange.org](http://www.musicforchange.org).

### Jazz legend at Grand

ENJOY live jazz by the Richard Rozze Quintet at The Grand in Folkestone on Thursday night.

Jazz trumpet legend Dick Pearce will join Rozze on guitar, Perry White on keyboard, Olly Blanchflower on double bass and Vince Price on drums.

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £6. To book call 01303 277175.

### Write your own soap

YOUNG people can write and perform a mini soap opera for Ashford Visual Arts and Architecture Festival.

Anyone aged 12 and above can join the workshops at Ashford Adult Education Centre from Monday to next Friday and Tuesday, August 3. The work will be performed at the Memorial Gardens on September 18. For details visit [www.shared-space.org.uk](http://www.shared-space.org.uk).

### Comedy while you dine

GET ready to giggle when the Comedy Club returns to Ashford International Hotel on Friday.

MC Padraig Hyland will appear with Andy White and Eddy Brimson. The show starts at 9pm and tickets cost £16, or £22 including a two-course meal, with a discount for members. Book on 01233 219988 or visit [www.hahaheehee.com](http://www.hahaheehee.com).

### Music at bandstand

FREE live music is on offer at Dane John Gardens in Canterbury this week-end with Bands on the Stand.

Organised by swing and jive band, the Goosebumps, the free event features runs from noon to 6pm on Sunday.

The event will raise money for the British Red Cross. To find out more visit [www.goosebumpsmusic.co.uk](http://www.goosebumpsmusic.co.uk).

### Thriller by Gaslight

A NEWLY-married woman fears for her sanity when strange things happen in Patrick Hamilton's thriller, Gaslight.

The show runs at the Memorial Theatre in Broadstairs from Thursday to Sunday. Tickets cost £10.50 or £12.50 for non-members of Sarah Thorne Theatre Club, who must book a day in advance on 0845 262 6263 or emailing [info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk](mailto:info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk).

# Rare chance to see top comic

## ROSS NOBLE

Tuesday, September 14

Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury



CULT comedian Ross Noble will be performing for a lucky audience in Canterbury next month.

The affable comic usually plays to very large venues and has achieved the best-selling show at both the Edinburgh Festival and Melbourne International Festival. Yet the long-haired funny man will be entertaining his fans in the relatively intimate surroundings of the Gulbenkian when he warms up for his new tour, Nonsensory Overload.

Tickets for Noble's shows always sell fast, but at the time of writing, a handful of tickets remain, so book without delay if you want to see this highly-gifted and acclaimed comedian in action.

Although Noble mostly turns down offers to appear on television, he has earned a huge following during his years in the comedy business.

Much of his popularity has spread by word of mouth and he has unveiled a new stand-up show every year since 1999, taking his high energy and original style of comedy as far afield as Australia on a regular basis.

Raised in Cramlington in Northumberland, Noble's comedy career started as a child when he performed a street show with a friend. When his mate grew bored of the act, Noble decided to go it alone and made his comedy club debut at the age of just 15.

Due to licensing laws, the young comic had to be smuggled out through the club's kitchen straight after his set, but Noble's stellar career had taken off.

The only non-comedy jobs he has ever had were selling juggling kits in a department store and selling balloons for a travelling clown troupe, for whom he performed as a stilt walker. But his high level of critical and popular acclaim has allowed Noble to make his career mostly on the stage.

Noble's popularity has continued to soar over the years, with many fans raving about his extraordinary talent and mostly adlibbed shows. Although he claims to write gags in 'various tatty notebooks', he is renowned for his ability to spin off on random tangents and perform shows that are often largely inspired on the spot.

In this respect, Noble has been recognised as a truly remarkable performer. His achievements include being nominated for the Perrier Award for his 1999 stand-up show Laser Boy, along with winning the Barry Award, the Time Out Award and numerous other accolades.

Although Noble is often busy touring, he has accepted offers to appear on such television shows as Have I Got News for You, Jack Dee Live at the Apollo, Room 101 and Friday Night



with Jonathan Ross. On radio, he is a regular contributor to BBC Radio 4's Just a Minute and I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue.

Noble's worldwide travels have also led to the comic becoming the star of his own shows, including the Radio 4 series Ross Noble Goes Global and Ross Noble On.

Noble used to live in Australia with his wife and daughter until their home was destroyed by last year's bush fires, and the family has

since moved back to the UK.

He cites Billy Connolly as one of his comic heroes, saying on his website that the Big Yin is 'the greatest stand-up this country has produced and I would love to still be doing it at his age'.

The show is suitable for over-15s and starts at 7.45pm. Tickets cost £16. To book call the box office on 01227 769075 or visit the website at [www.thegulbenkian.co.uk](http://www.thegulbenkian.co.uk).







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Thanks to Kidz on Stage and the Community Theatre Project, young people from the Shepway area will be showing off their dancing, singing and acting skills. The cast and crew will have had just two weeks to perfect the show, before seven electrifying performances.

Follow the fortunes of young show business hopefuls as they take their first steps to fame at the School of Performing Arts in New York. Find out who will

reach for the stars and who will fall by the wayside as they all strive to achieve their dreams.

Hit songs include Bring on Tomorrow, Dancing on the Sidewalk, Hard Work and the unforgettable title number, Fame. The cast includes Callum Erskine as Nick Piazza, Harriet Dury as Serena Katz, Jo Batchelor as Joe Vegas, Sam Humphries as Tyrone Jackson and Sophie Nunn as Carmen Diaz.

Tickets cost £12/£10. To book call 0844 847 1776 or visit [www.leascliffhall.org.uk](http://www.leascliffhall.org.uk).



## FROM FILM AND FOOTLIGHTS

Thursday, August 19, Town Hall, Dover



AN EXCLUSIVE scene and song from Shrek the Musical can be seen this week, before the show hits the West End.

The extract from the new Broadway musical will be performed by members of Dover Youth Theatre during their next production, From Film and Footlights.

Following six days of intensive workshop rehearsals, 25 talented local performers will be regaling the audience with scenes and musical numbers from a variety of popular films and stage shows.

The young actors have been working with Marie Kelly-Thomas, Michael Thomas and

West End director, Pete Faint, to create the show.

Faint has directed such high-profile productions as Chicago, The Rat Pack, Carousel, Annie, Jesus Christ Superstar and Miss Saigon.

Highlights in Thursday's show include moments from Sunset Boulevard, Brigadoon, Shakespeare in Love and Sister Act, along with the exclusive taster of Shrek the Musical.

The role of the big green ogre will be played by 17-year-old Ben Steele, a local actor who studies at Canterbury College.

The performance starts at 7.30pm and admission is free.

## DIPPERS AND DUNKERS

Friday, August 20, to Friday, August 27  
Various venues, Margate



MARGATE plays host to a week of saucy seaside fun with the return of the Dippers and Dunkers.

As part of Thanet's Summer of Festivals series, the event returns for a second year to offer Margate's famous traditions with a contemporary twist. Named after the Victorian locals who 'dipped and dunked' their visitors in the sea, the week-long extravaganza features traditional entertainment.

National and international stars of the New Variety scene will appear in the Sassy Seaside Show at the Theatre Royal Margate on Friday and Saturday, with Romany, the Magic Circle's Magician of the Year, heading straight from her Las Vegas show to act as host.

Some captivating sideshows will be on offer in the Old Town, such as the Headless Lady, the Legless Lady and the Monster Show. Learn about the saucy history of British burlesque in A Glimpse of Stocking, laugh the night away with comedian Earl Okin and marvel at the exhibits in the Insect Museum.

To find out more visit the festival website at [www.dippersanddunkers.org.uk](http://www.dippersanddunkers.org.uk).



## BROADSTAIRS WATER GALA

Wednesday, August 25,  
Victoria Gardens & Promenade, Broadstairs

TRADITIONAL family entertainment can be enjoyed at next week's Broadstairs Water Gala.

Sponsored by KOS Media, the annual event boasts new games and competitions this year. The event gets underway at 9.30am with the Teddy Bear's Picnic at Lillyputt Mini Golf on Victoria Parade. Those who would like to test their strength can take part in the greasy pole competition, the Tug o' War and the beach volleyball contest.

Teams who would like to tackle the pole or take part in the Millers and Sweeps Raft Race should contact the harbour master, Andy Wood, on 07847 473615.

Swimmers can take part in the sponsored swim from Ramsgate main beach to Viking Bay by calling Neil Morgan on 07812 991445.

The beach hut decoration competition takes the theme of Club Tropicana this year and huts can be hired daily by contacting the Day Inspector, by the Viking Bay Café. With lots of traditional seaside games, a funfair, craft stalls, live music and evening fireworks, there is lots to look forward to.

To find out more call 01227 700894 or 07789 746828.

## SCULPTURE AT THE SECRET GARDEN

Monday, August 23, to Monday, August 30,  
The Secret Gardens, Sandwich

STUNNING art work will be displayed alongside nature when the Secret Gardens host the third annual sculpture exhibition.

As part of Sandwich Festival, the gardens become a living art gallery next week to showcase the work of art group Pure Form.

Founded by local artists and sculptor Patrick Crouch, the group creates works of art from mostly reclaimed pieces of old architecture from Canterbury's historic buildings. These include pieces taken from the cathedral during restoration work.

Pure Form has up to 70 members from a diverse range of backgrounds and more than 35 artists will be taking part in the exhibition.

Visitors to the Secret Gardens will also be able to see sculpting in action as pieces are created from raw materials. This year, all the exhibits will be auctioned on the last day of the exhibition.

The Secret Gardens are open from 10am to 5pm daily as part of Sandwich Festival Week. Admission costs £6/£5.50 for adults, £3 for children and is free for under-sixes. To find out more visit the website at [www.the-secretgardens.co.uk](http://www.the-secretgardens.co.uk).





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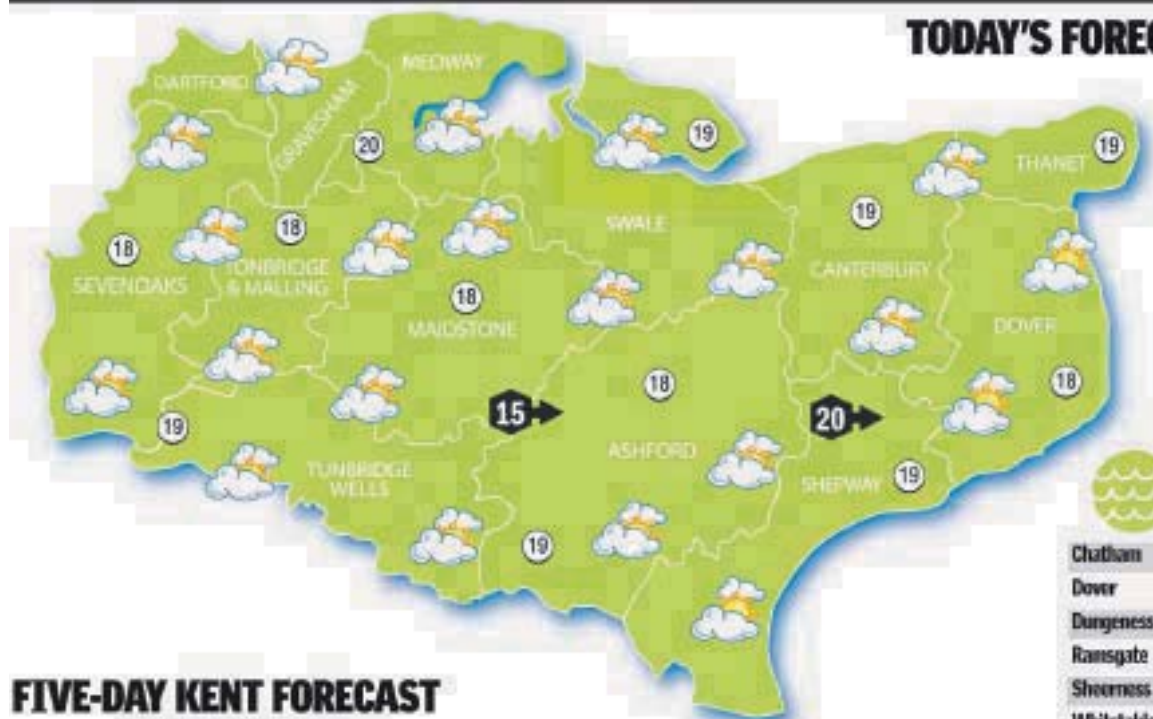
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Bombay	29°C	Sydney	18°C
Cape Town	20°C	Tenerife	26°C
Cardiff	19°C	Tokyo	34°C
Gibraltar	26°C	Vancouver	27°C
Hong Kong	26°C	Warsaw	28°C
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## KENT'S WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

<b>Chatham</b>	Saturday	11:22am 5.1m	Sunday	12:18pm 5.5m
<b>Dover</b>	Saturday	9:51am 5.7m	Sunday	10:39am 6.0m
<b>Dungeness</b>	Saturday	9:27am 6.1m	Sunday	10:24am 6.5m
<b>Ramsgate</b>	Saturday	10:21am 4.3m	Sunday	11:09am 4.5m
<b>Sheerness</b>	Saturday	11:11am 5.0m	Sunday	12:07pm 5.3m
<b>Whitstable</b>	Saturday	11:19am 4.7m	Sunday	12:14pm 4.9m

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	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon											Wiltshire	Saturday	11:50am 47m	Sunday	12:34pm 49m								
Ashford	18°C	19°C	19°C	20°C	21°C	Dover	17°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	19°C	Gravesend	19°C	20°C	21°C	22°C	23°C	Sevenoaks	17°C	17°C	18°C	20°C	20°C		SUNRISE	5:45am	SUNSET	8:13pm
Canterbury	18°C	20°C	20°C	22°C	22°C	Faversham	18°C	19°C	19°C	21°C	21°C	Maidstone	18°C	19°C	20°C	21°C	21°C	Sittingbourne	18°C	19°C	19°C	21°C	21°C					
Chalfont	18°C	19°C	19°C	21°C	21°C	Folkestone	17°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	19°C	Ramsgate	18°C	20°C	20°C	22°C	22°C	Yarmbridge	18°C	19°C	19°C	20°C	21°C		MOONRISE	4:42pm	MOONSET	-
Dartford	19°C	20°C	21°C	22°C	23°C	Gillingham	18°C	19°C	19°C	21°C	21°C	Rochester	18°C	19°C	19°C	21°C	21°C	Ton Wells	18°C	19°C	19°C	20°C	21°C					




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# Airbender fails to come out on top in battle for our hearts and minds

M NIGHT Shyamalan is an odd choice to direct a special effects-laden adventure based on the popular Nickelodeon animated TV series, *Avatar: The Last Airbender*.

After all, this is the filmmaker who allowed us all to see dead people in *The Sixth Sense*, created a modern-day superhero in *Unbreakable* and allowed an enraged Mother Nature to slaughter most of mankind in *The Happening*.

The *Last Airbender* is a very different beast: a big budget journey of discovery, punctuated by sprawling battle sequences on a similarly grand scale to *The Lord Of The Rings* trilogy, that relies heavily on spectacle rather than substance or Shyamalan's famed narrative twists.

The writer-director juggles the myriad technical elements, but he is occasionally let down by unconvincing digital effects that look more like a cartoon than live action.

Moreover, some of the performances are more wooden than the gargantuan sets, creating repeated moments of unintentional hilarity

■ BY DAMON SMITH

ty that cuts through the dramatic tension.

The worst offender is a seemingly innocuous line from a village elder about her young charge being "the last bender" for miles.

Orphaned siblings Sokka (Jackson Rathbone) and Katara (Nicola Peltz) discover a young boy called Aang (Noah Ringer) frozen in the ice near their village.

The tyke is covered in strange tattoos and the siblings surmise that Aang must be the *Avatar*, destined to manipulate the four elements (air, water, earth, fire).

## Pathos

No sooner have the children arrived back at their village than outcast Prince Zuko (Dev Patel) from the Fire Nation and his soldiers capture Aang and hold him hostage aboard their ship. Thankfully, the prisoner escapes and begins the journey back to his temple, accompanied by Sokka and Katara.

Meanwhile, Zuko's father Fire Lord Ozai (Cliff Curtis) entreats trusted Commander Zhao (Aasif Mandvi) to find Aang – and

prevent the boy from achieving his destiny.

The *Last Airbender* screens in 3D in selected cinemas, but the increasingly popular format was an afterthought, so don't bother paying the additional ticket prices for the honour of wearing uncomfortable plastic spectacles.

A caption card at the beginning reads Book One: Water and it quickly becomes clear that this is the first film in a potential series.

It's hard to imagine subsequent chapters ever making it to the big screen.

Ringer is a likeable hero, struggling to comprehend his pre-ordained path, and Patel wrings as much pathos as possible from his underwritten role as the exiled prodigal son.

Watery special effects aren't convincing, and a pivotal scene in which one character sacrifices their life for the good of mankind fails to bring a tear to the eye.

"[Aang] will begin to win hearts because it's in hearts that all wars are won," says one sage.

Regrettably, in the battle for our hearts and minds, Shyamalan comes up short.



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**TATTOOED STRANGER:** Noah Ringer as Aang, the *Avatar* who faces the tough task of stopping the Fire Nation enslaving the Water, Air and Earth Nations

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# yourmusic

## Intimate gig is a real must-see



**MAKING IT BIG:** Hadouken – 'grimey beats and a dollop of fluoro-pop sensibility'

SYNTH stars Hadouken are heading to Kent later this year as part of their 14-date UK tour.

The energetic fluorescent-loving five-piece, who take their name from a once-mindblowing move in the legendary Street Fighter game series – will perform at Ashford School's Brake Hall on Friday, October 29.

It's a must-see for all you grime/electro/rap crossover fans.

The Leeds-based outfit, who formed in 2006, have already built up a loyal fanbase across the UK and are on the verge of making it big, and they've got that Klaxons-esque multi-genre sound to thank for their success.

HMV described them as "a collision of grimey beats, razor-sharp lyrical dissection of nightlife and a whole dollop of fluoro-pop sensibility".

Add the catchiest of catchy beats and an infectious hyper and eager frontman in James Smith and you're half way to cap-

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

turing the full Hadouken effect.

The band's debut album, *Music For An Accelerated Culture*, sold more than 100,000 copies and saw them take the Best Electronic Artist/DJ category at the BT Digital Music Award in 2008.

Last year's follow-up album *For the Masses* drew similar praise and more is expected of their third, as yet unnamed, release.

Hadouken's Ashford gig was lined up after the band decided to spice up their latest tour by playing smaller shows.

With mainstream success on the horizon, it may be some time before Hadouken return to Ashford, so buy your ticket now.

The Brake Hall show is run in association with online radio station Filth FM, founded by Thomas Webb, who will also be DJing.

Support comes in the form of Out Like A Lion, whose single *Back to Front* is out next month.

The four-piece, who've supported the likes of Florence and the

Machine and Babushambles, played Glastonbury and Ashford's own Create Festival this year.

Tickets are £15 from [www.seetickets.com](http://www.seetickets.com) or [www.hadouken.com](http://www.hadouken.com).



### TOP FIVE KENT GIGS

- 1 Happy Daze - 28/8 The Drum Stanford
- 2 Fred Clark - 01/0 Hazlitt Theatre Maidstone
- 3 The Suspects - 4/9 King Edward VII in Margate
- 4 A Thousand Lights - 22/9 University of Kent, Canterbury
- 5 Craig Sheridan - 24/9 Mill Inn Deal



**TAKE IT EASY:** Get away from the hustle and bustle of the main waterways on South Walsham Broad – the only private broad in Norfolk

## yourgetaways

## Why holiday Norfolk is more than just the beautiful Broads

■ BY GARY WRIGHT

AS my 13-year-old son and I paddled our canoe from the narrow waterway, which had us ducking vegetation like something from a King Kong film (his description), we suddenly burst out on to the South Walsham Broad.

I bet no-one who saw us skimming across the expanse of still water, surrounded by lush, green countryside, would have guessed that half an hour earlier neither of us had been in a canoe before – it was easy.

South Walsham Broad is the only private broad among the 120-odd miles of waterways that make up Norfolk's biggest tourist draw.

The Broads are beautiful, and while parts are packed with pleasure craft, you can easily escape the crowds.

I was surprised to learn that the Broads are man-made. Peat dug for heat between the 1100s and 1300s filled as sea levels rose and by the 16th century the navigable Broads became a vital part of the county's transport system.

Norfolk boasts more medieval churches per square mile than anywhere else in the world (it also has a tradition of village signs too, which show the history of the village – there are more than 500).

We stayed in a beautiful cottage in the tiny village of New Buckenham, 300 yards from a Norman castle, 10 miles south of Norwich, but lightyears away from the 21st century.

The village shop, a two-minute walk away before breakfast, boasted 'Provisions' on its sign. Unfortunately bread wasn't deliv-

### FACT FILE: NORFOLK

Gary Wright was a guest of Norfolk Country Cottages.

His family stayed at the three-bedroom Carpenter's Cottage in New Buckenham (right) costing £400 and £550 for the week. More details of holiday homes and accommodation at [www.norfolkcottages.co.uk](http://www.norfolkcottages.co.uk).

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Also thanks to Hyundai for the loan of the Santa Fe CRD 4x4 for the week in Norfolk.

ered until later and there wouldn't be any eggs until tomorrow.

Just up the road though, outside a rambling home, were plenty of eggs at 90p a dozen with an honesty box alongside. There were even pictures of 'the girls' who'd laid them.

Much of Norfolk feels like that, and there were lots of honesty boxes for all manner of local produce. It can still make you think you have stepped back in time.

It has no motorways, so accept that driving even 20 miles will take 40 minutes, and enjoy the scenery. Better still, dump the car and take a bicycle. There are no steep hills and there are miles of cycle-ways.

Norwich, by contrast, is a bustling city with shopping to please everyone, from designer names to market stalls and unique shops in intricate

little Lanes like Brighton. But all the time its spectacular cathedral and dramatic castle remind you of its affluent past.

Seaside fans will love Great Yarmouth, a kiss-me-quick town on the east coast with miles of sandy beaches. Its pleasure beach provides top-notch funfair rides with a dose of adrenaline and the wooden roller coaster, complete with brake-man in the middle, shows thrill rides haven't changed much in 50 years.

Cromer on the North Norfolk coast is far more traditional, and handy for the North Norfolk Steam Railway from nearby Sheringham – 10 miles of pure nostalgia.

After a week I was sorry to leave. It is a gentler pace of life with a welcome in every pub and restaurant.

We'll definitely be back.

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## MOTORS NEWS



### Suzuki release a timely crossover reminder

SUZUKI has created a new flagship SX4 model.

The SZ5 4x4 (from £14,235) is available with a 1.6-litre petrol or 2.0-litre diesel unit, comes with 4x4 as standard and looks like a smart bid to remind the market that Suzuki anticipated the new vogue for 'crossovers' – family hatchbacks with 'funky chunky' SUV styling.

In diesel format, it can average at least 50mpg and run in economical two-wheel or four-wheel drive. Cheaper front-wheel drive versions of the SX4 start at £11,750.



### Lexus offers IS gifts as part of its celebrations

TOYOTA luxury arm Lexus is marking 20 years in the UK with special Celebration Edition offers on its IS junior executive model.

For a limited period, IS models come with a free upgrade to IS F-Sport standard for the price of an equivalent IS 250 or 220d diesel SE-I model.

This brings alloys, leather sports front seats, aluminium pedals, sports steering wheel, boot spoiler and other extras together worth £1,680. The all new IS also comes with three years' complimentary



### Good news: the Qashqai has just got even better

NISSAN'S Qashqai – one of Britain's best-selling homegrown models – has received an upgrade.

Emissions and fuel-saving Stop/Start features as a £200 option on 1.6-litre petrol variants and brings road tax benefits, while the 1.5-litre dCi diesel equivalent – the pick of the range – is greener and more powerful (rising from 105bhp to 108bhp).

Nissan has also boosted the n-tec luxury grade by adding 18-inch alloys as standard while a new £250 option brings chrome highlights inside and out.



**SPANISH STYLE:** Although the Leon FR's interior feels cheap and the dashboard is generally drab, the car is great fun to drive with an automatic 'box or manual F1-style paddles

# Seat have a hot hatch with coupé style rolled into one

YOU don't need to climb into the Leon FR to be seduced.

Our test car looked superb in what the Spanish 'Auto Emocion' brand calls 'Speed Blue' – a £550 option from Seat's so-called custom palette, which looks suspiciously like what the trade also used to call 'base colours' ie the non-metallics.

But here's the thing; Seats invariably look great in bold colours and people seem happy to pay extra to escape the monochromatic motoring hell that was two decades of silver and grey metallic.

Our car was also shod with 18-inch Orion black alloys (£510) making it sure to turn heads.

It's not even Seat's hottest Leon yet the FR looks fiery enough with its coupé lines and twin-chromed exhausts.

And you are still being led by the nose as you grip the fat leather wheel and note tasteful red seat stitching, but then things unravel – the rest of the cabin is dull; it is durable, but details can feel cheap and the dashboard is generally drab.

It's a shame, when the Leon cabin is practical and spacious and the car so entertaining,

## ROAD TEST SEAT LEON FR

BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

using the excellent VW Golf platform and well-known VW powertrains, while infused with the character of Seat itself.

The test car was particular fun with a 170PS (167bhp) 2.0-litre turbodiesel plus six-speed/twin clutch VW DSG gearbox.

It might sound like a contradiction, but this automatic 'box is the perfect partner for a sporting car in the real world; it changes itself when you are bogged down in traffic, but you can race through the gears yourself on a clear road by using F1-style paddles on the wheel.

It's even slightly faster than the manual, taking eight seconds to reach 62mph, and only marginally worse on fuel.

Providing you use gearbox and chassis sensibly, it will average around 50mpg and attracts just £125/year in road tax – not bad for such a sporting car mixing reassuring grip and handling with a decent ride.

However, to spec up with the bold colour and alloys plus that highly attractive gearbox you will add £2,310 to the £19,490 of our FR CR model – a lot of money when you consider that the Leon range starts at a modest £13,975.



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**07 Kia Sedona 2.9 Diesel MPV 5dr**  
in Silver, 31095 miles

Cash Price	Deposit	47 Monthly Payments	Weekly Equivalent	1 Final Payment
£8699	£869.90	£190.85	<b>£43.00</b>	£340.64
Total Amount Payable £10350.49* <b>APR 9.9%</b>				

**07 Vauxhall Astra 1.3 Hatchback 5dr Manual**  
in Silver, 79288 miles

Cash Price	Deposit	47 Monthly Payments	Weekly Equivalent	1 Final Payment
£5499	£549.90	£119.70	<b>£27.00</b>	£269.90
Total Amount Payable £6615.70* <b>APR 9.9%</b>				

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windows remote central locking,  
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air conditioning alloy wheels central  
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air conditioning alloy wheels central  
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159, JTD, 2008, abs brakes alloy  
wheels cruise control immobiliser  
power steering trip computer isofix  
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controls, black, 32782 miles, £13000,  
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wheels cruise control drivers airbag  
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159, 1.9 JTD 16v, 2008, abs brakes  
air conditioning alloy wheels cd  
player electric windows immobiliser  
multiple airbags traction control  
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vehicles in group s, 27951 miles,  
£11000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918  
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159, MPI Turismo, 2008, abs brakes  
air conditioning alloy wheels cd  
player electric windows immobiliser  
multiple airbags power steering  
single cd player traction control remote  
central locking isofix child seat points,  
black, 36301 miles, £9000, Canterbury,  
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wheels cruise control drivers airbag  
electric windows immobiliser power  
steering trip computer isofix child  
seat points remote audio controls,  
black, 32782 miles, £13000,  
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air conditioning alloy wheels cd  
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vehicles in group s, 27951 miles,  
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remote central locking, meteor grey,  
23009 miles, £15000, Ramsgate,  
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A3, 3.2 V6 Quattro Sport DSG, 2005,  
abs brakes air conditioning alarm  
fitted alloy wheels automatic  
transmission cd player drivers airbag  
electric windows front fog lights full  
service history immobiliser metallic  
paint multiple airbags power steering  
trip computer remote central locking  
adjustable steering column body  
coloured bumpers, crystal blue,  
67182 miles, £8000, Ashford, 0844  
826 5918 (TRADE)

A3, TDi S line DSG, 2005, abs brakes  
air conditioning alarm fitted alloy  
wheels automatic transmission cd  
player cruise control diesel electric  
windows front fog lights half leather  
trim immobiliser metallic paint  
multiple airbags power steering  
sports seats traction control trip  
computer remote central locking  
isofix child seat points remote audio  
controls, blue metallic, 39000 miles,  
£12000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496  
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A3, SPORT TDi, 2005, abs brakes air  
conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels  
cd player traction control trip  
computer twin airbags remote central  
locking isofix child seat points remote  
audio controls, grey, 65000 miles,  
£8700, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496  
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A3, SE, 2002, abs brakes air  
conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels  
automatic transmission cd player  
electric windows front fog lights  
immobiliser metallic paint multiple  
airbags power steering traction  
control trip computer remote central  
locking remote audio controls, ebony  
metallic, 58000 miles, £5400,  
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brakes alloy wheels cd player diesel  
electric windows front fog lights  
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steering traction control trip computer  
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air conditioning alarm fitted alloy  
wheels automatic transmission cd  
player cruise control diesel multiple  
airbags power steering sports seats  
traction control trip computer remote  
central locking isofix child seat points  
remote audio controls, blue metallic,  
39000 miles, £12000, Ashford, 0844  
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fitted alloy wheels automatic  
transmission cd player drivers airbag  
electric windows front fog lights full  
service history immobiliser metallic  
paint multiple airbags power steering  
trip computer remote central locking  
adjustable steering column body  
coloured bumpers, crystal blue,  
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brakes alloy wheels cd player diesel  
electric windows front fog lights  
immobiliser multiple airbags power  
steering traction control trip computer  
remote central locking, meteor grey,  
23009 miles, £15000, Canterbury,  
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conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels  
cd player central locking climate  
control diesel drivers airbag electric  
windows front fog lights full service  
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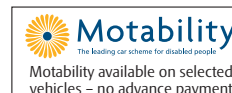
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### New-builds to be less of a taxing proposition?

A CHANGE to tax proposals could mean that new-build properties become more popular with buyers, according to one property expert.

The Government is considering a higher stamp duty tax for homes that are poorly insulated. Homes that lose large amounts of energy through draughty windows and poorly insulated lofts would be subject to the higher tax, say experts.

Reacting to the claims, the founder of newhomesforsale.co.uk Vernon Pethard said people will be encouraged to buy new homes to avoid falling foul of this tax.

"Threatening an increase in stamp duty on older, poorly insulated homes is likely to deter people from buying one because it's not always possible to bring them up to modern standards," he said.

### UK best for investors in commercial property

COMMERCIAL property insurance customers have been told there is little reason to believe the UK commercial property market has become overvalued as a result of recent price rises.

Ed Stansfield, property economist, suggested the UK had seen "one of the bigger corrections" of all global commercial property markets during the downturn and, equally, one of the larger recoveries.

"The bottom line is that there is not a lot of evidence to suggest the UK market had become overvalued as a result of the upswing," he said.

Mr Stansfield's comments follow the Global Investment Perspective report by HSBC, which claimed the UK remains the most attractive commercial property market for investors.

### Slight drop in number of tenants owing rent

A FIFTH of private-residential landlords have had tenants in rent arrears over the last three months, according to new research by the National Landlords Association.

During the second quarter of 2010, just over 21 per cent of landlords experienced rental arrears. This represents an improvement on the previous quarter when the figure was at 24.5 per cent.

Furthermore, the average amount of outstanding rent arrears has dropped significantly from £978 in the first three months to £799 in the second.



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**MIXED MESSAGES:** Despite this week's good news that house prices are creeping up some experts have issued warnings the housing market remains highly volatile at present

# Market rise in house prices met with some scepticism

BY NICK AMES

THE HOUSING market has received a boost following the news from the Halifax that prices rose unexpectedly last month.

The news comes as a welcome relief as overall prices have been falling in the last few weeks, but Halifax analysts saw a 0.6 per cent upswing.

This news has been greeted with jubilation by investors and homeowners.

But there are still fears the market is volatile and has been completely settled.

The average price increased to £167,425 from £166,351 and followed falls in the previous three months, including a 0.6 per cent fall in June. The rise beat economists' forecasts of a 0.3 per cent fall in July.

"The mixed pattern of monthly rises and falls over the first seven months of the year is

consistent with a slowing market," said Martin Ellis, housing economist at Halifax.

"It is also in line with our view that house prices will be broadly unchanged over 2010 as a whole."

Prices in July were 4.8 per cent higher compared with a year earlier, the same as the year-on-year increase in June, but lower than the peak of 8.7 per cent in April.

Since the beginning of this year the average UK house price has fallen by £2,059, or 1.2 per cent. Prices are 16 per cent below their August 2007 peak.

Mr Ellis said that while low interest rates and a recovering economy continued to support the housing market, an increase in the number of properties being put on the market

– boosted by the coalition Government's abolition of Home Information Packs (HIPs) – had relieved some of the supply constraint which drove prices up in 2009.

However other experts have issued warnings.

Paul Diggle, property economist at Capital Economics said that monthly house prices were volatile and would continue to be so in the short term.

He said July's increase did not change the likelihood that prices are set for a period of "considerable weakness" in the remainder of this year and into 2011.

"The weakness in buyer activity, signs that credit conditions may be tightening again, the possibility of renewed weakness in the labour market in the next year, and the hit on household incomes that the fiscal squeeze will bring over the next few years, will all weigh on house prices," Mr Diggle said.

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chances of children being admitted to a particular school, according to Mouseprice director Selwyn Lim.

He advised parents that it is also worth considering the life-time value of such an investment.

Mr Lim explained: "That premi-

um doesn't actually sound like that much if that is to be spread across the entire schooling age of a child or 2.4 children [per family] on average. It doesn't translate to that much money per child per year if you divide it."

Nationwide reported that parents are prepared to pay an extra 4.6 per cent – £8,670 – for a property in a good school catchment area.

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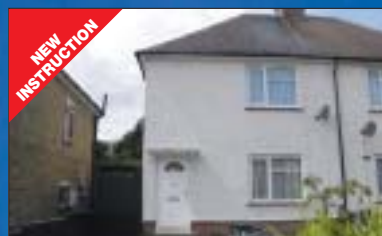
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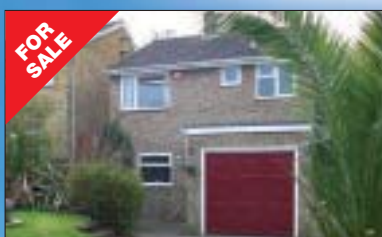
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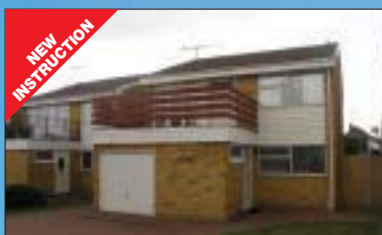
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Patrick McDonnell, Director, of Your Move Charterhouse in Cliftonville commented:

"This is great news for Your Move and, of course, our local lettings team who are not only able to apply their knowledge and experience of lettings in this region but also gain the support of colleagues across the UK in helping customers to find properties and to find tenants.

"Because we are part of the UK's largest lettings agency we've also been able to take advantage of the investment in systems and processes that directly benefit our customers - a fact that was acknowledged by the judges in these Awards. They stated that Your Move is a "shining example of how large agencies can use their size to implement excellent customer service standards". And that's not all. We were also acknowledged as

"industry leaders in our use of technology and online media" - a reflection of the fact we have the UK's most visited estate agency and lettings agency website in the UK today (\*)

"Altogether this is yet again great news for Your Move - building on our recent success at the Property Professional Awards 2010 where we were acknowledged as the Best Large Estate Agency. We hope this latest news will encourage even more customer to visit us and find our more about our services - which we can now truly call multi-award winning."

The Awards were presented to Gareth Samples, Your Move's Managing Director and representatives from Your Move by TV personality Ruby Wax at a special awards ceremony held in London which brought together hundreds of property professionals and experts from across the UK.

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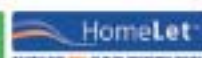
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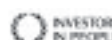
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Kent League Division Three 2nd XI

Old Wilsonians 2nd XI v Broadstairs 2nd XI

BROADSTAIRS remain second in Division Three 2nd XI but they have the weather to thank for saving them against their Old Wilsonian counterparts on Saturday.

On a day when wind and rain swept across the county, Wilsonians were able to bat their full 50 overs and they posted a useful 197 for 8 when put in by Broadstairs.

The visitors made the perfect start when Neil Treacher departed for a duck and Hugo Lovelock soon followed with just four to his name, but the Old Boys rallied and started to regain control.

Robert McEwan (24) and Callum Steel (35) put some runs on the board at the top of the order before Anthony Tuddenham took Steel's wicket, claiming his third victim of the afternoon.

At 61 for 4, the game was in the balance but Wilsonians pressed on and Christopher Kennedy added 28 before he was caught by Brian Simpson off the bowling of Ben Warden.

Next in was Akshav Kumar-Sharma and he took the fight to Broadstairs with a knock of 51 not out which included five boundaries, while his partner, William Woolard, hit 34.

Ashley Ellison finished with figures of 3 for 55, but Broadstairs began the chase knowing a real effort would be needed to reach the target of 198 in tricky conditions.

Sure enough, wickets tumbled almost immediately, with Jake Benfield the first to go, caught off Woolard's bowling for a duck. Simpson was dismissed for four soon after, but the rain brought proceedings to a premature end with Broadstairs reeling at 9 for 2.

Rain steps in to give

Broadstairs a break



WATER RELIEF: Broadstairs were in trouble against Old Wilsonians when the rain came down to save them from a probable defeat

SCORE CARD

Old Wilsonians 2nd XI

Neil Treacher	ct Benfield b Tony Tuddenham	0
Robert McEwan	b Ellison	24
Hugo Lovelock	ct Warden b Tony Tuddenham	4
Callum Steel	lbw b Anthony Tuddenham	35
Suresh Sharma	ct Marshall b Alex Tuddenham	2
Christopher Kennedy	ct Simpson b Warden	28
Akshav Kumar-Sharma	not out	51
William Woolard	st Simpson b Ellison	34
Jasper Gundry-White	b Ellison	5
David Ellicott-White	not out	5
Tyrell Duberry	did not bat	
Extras (5b 4lb)		9
Total (8 wickets, 50 overs)		197

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Tony Tuddenham	15	7	35	3
Andrew Marshall	4	1	30	0
Alex Tuddenham	7	2	8	1
Ben Warden	7	1	29	1
Ashley Ellison	11	1	55	3
Oliver Frewin	6	0	36	0

Broadstairs 2nd XI

Jake Benfield	ct Treacher b Woolard	0
Ashley Downtown	not out	2
Brian Simpson	ct Lovelock b Woolard	4
Andrew Marshall	not out	0
Geoff Pine	did not bat	
Tony Tuddenham	did not bat	
Alex Tuddenham	did not bat	
Ben Warden	did not bat	
Oliver Frewin	did not bat	
Ashley Ellison	did not bat	
Matthew Frewin	did not bat	
Extras (3w)		3
Total (2 wickets, 7 overs)		9

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
William Woolard	4	1	7	2
A Kumar-Sharma	3	2	2	0

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 2ND XI

Dartford 2nd XI v Sandwich Town 2nd XI

A DISAPPOINTING batting display saw Sandwich Town 2nds lose their top of the table clash against Dartford 2nds by six wickets.

The margin of defeat would have been even more emphatic but for a superb unbeaten 66 from John Ewart, who finished with almost half the team's score of 135, which at least gave Sandwich's bowlers a chance.

Hopes of victory receded as Dartford's top order made runs. Colin Aldred took two wickets, but it did nothing to change the momentum of the game and the home side wrapped up the win with almost five overs to spare.

Sandwich Town 2nd XI

Michael Beaumont	ct Birring b Gray	3
Scott Blackman	ct Webb b Partridge	6
Rhys Jones	ct Webb b Gray	6
John Ewart	not out	66
Tamsin Beaumont	ct Ramersad b Partridge	0
Gary Burgess	lbw b Lucking	16
James Bolt	b Collier	5
Kevin Beaumont	st Hallam b Collier	0
Liam Evans	ct Fitzgerald b Lucking	6
Jack Bradley	run out	0
Colin Aldred	run out	0
Extras	(6b 12lb 7w 2nb)	27
Total	(all out, 36 overs)	135

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Craig Partridge	12	3	31	2
Lee Gray	12	4	26	2
Callum Lucking	6	0	20	2
Mark Baker	2	0	19	0
Mark Collier	4	0	21	2

Dartford 2nd XI

Sunny Birring	run out	36
Ross Hallam	ct Ewart b Aldred	58
Gregg Dassrath	lbw b Aldred	25
Mark Baker	ct Beaumont b Evans	0
James Fitzgerald	not out	9
Kevin Webb	not out	0
Lee Gray	did not bat	
Randy Ramersad	did not bat	
Mark Collier	did not bat	
Craig Partridge	did not bat	
Callum Lucking	did not bat	
Extras	(5b 1lb 2w)	8
Total	(4 wickets, 31.1 overs)	136

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Jack Bradley	7	0	25	0
Liam Evans	11.1	0	54	1
Colin Aldred	9	4	23	2
Kevin Beaumont	4	0	28	0

FRIENDLY

Old Ruymians 1st XI v

Ramsgate Corinthian 1st XI

RAMSGATE Corinthian thoroughly dominated this encounter with Old Ruymians, running out easy victors by 143 runs.

The visitors, electing to bat first, posted 185 with John Chapman hitting 66 against an Old Boys attack which used nine different bowlers.

It was a very different story all round as Ruymians were bowled out for just 42 with Mitchell Dilkes (6 for 17) and Neil Farnham (4 for 24) skittling the hosts out by themselves. Only Jack Newman (19) reached double figures for the home side.

Ramsgate Corinthian 1st XI

Matthew Turfs	b Draper	19
Gary Larkins	b Ross	8
Adam Clark	b Davis	18
Raymond May	ct Ross b Long	27
John Chapman	ct Long b Ross	66
Mark Lewis	b Newman	12
Mitchell Dilkes	ct Carter b Draper	3
Jonathan Parsons	b Collier	0
Steve Post	c & b Ross	0
Neil Farnham	b Draper	0
Andrew Signorell	not out	1
Extras	(18b 3lb 8w 2nb)	31
Total	(all out, 34.5 overs)	185

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
John Archer	2	0	20	0
Chris Ross	7	1	19	3
Daniel Draper	6	3	8	4
Jon Davis	5	0	28	1
Dave Blackman	4	0	20	0
Sam Figgis	3	0	16	0
Stuart Long	3	0	15	1
Jack Newman	2	0	12	1
David Carter	2	0	32	0

Old Ruymians 1st XI

Ben Buckingham	ct Larkins b Farnham	0
Jack Newman	b Farnham	19
John Archer	ct Larkins b Dilkes	4
David Carter	b Dilkes	6
Daniel Draper	ct Turfs b Farnham	2
Stuart Long	b Dilkes	2
Chris Ross	b Dilkes	0
Dave Blackman	ct Chapman b Farnham	4
Harry Parker	ct Post b Dilkes	0
Sam Figgis	ct Chapman b Dilkes	0
Jon Davis	not out	1
Extras	(1lb 2w 1nb)	4
Total	(all out, 13.4 overs)	42

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Neil Farnham	7	3	24	4
Mitchell Dilkes	6.4	1	17	6

EAST KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Hythe 1st XI v Sandwich Town Sunday 1st XI

VISHAUL Singh continued his fine season with both bat and ball on Sunday as he helped Sandwich record a handsome 110-run victory over Hythe.

Singh hit 51 in Sandwich's total of 232 for 8, although he was eclipsed by John Ewart who scored 78 to put the visiting side firmly in the driving seat.

Hythe were then bowled out for 122 inside 32 overs, with Singh picking up 4 for 26 while Robert Goatham chipped in with figures of 3 for 25.

Sandwich Town Sunday 1st XI

Craig Snell	ct T Pichowski b Sheppard	18
Gavin Lawrence	ct T Pichowski b Sheppard	5
Vishaul Singh	ct Blunden b Connolly	51
John Ewart	b Mapstone	78
Robert Goatham	ct Connolly b Sheppard	16
Zack Fagg	c&b Connolly	15
Graham Lawrence	ct Goff b Connolly	8
Daniel Evans	ct Connolly b Mapstone	6
Alan Amos	not out	12
Matthew van Poppel	not out	1
Ben Thurgate	did not bat	
Extras	(9b 7lb 6w)	22
Total	(8 wickets, 40 overs)	232

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Joe Sheppard	8	0	43	3
Benjamin Tosland	8	2	34	0
Roger Mapstone	3	0	21	2
Tim Pichowski	1	0	25	0
Lochan Blunden	8	0	42	0
Josh Connolly	7	0	49	3
Stefan Pichowski	5	0	18	0

Hythe 1st XI

Phil Hoyland	ct Evans b Amos	26
Sam Butler	ct Evans b Singh	56
Lochan Blunden	st Lawrence b Singh	12
Tim Pichowski	ct Lawrence b Goatham	18
Josh Connolly	ct Snell b Singh	0
Benjamin Tosland	ct Thurgate b Goatham	4
Nigel Pichowski	c&b Goatham	1
Ben Goff	ct Snell b Singh	2
Joe Sheppard	b van Poppel	1
Stefan Pichowski	ct Fagg b Amos	0
Roger Mapstone	not out	0
Extras	(2lb)	2
Total	(all out, 32 overs)	122

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Ben Thurgate	4	0	16	0
Daniel Evans	3	0	21	0
Matthew van Poppel	5	2	11	1
Alan Amos	4	0	22	2
Vishaul Singh	8	2	26	4
Robert Goatham	8	0	25	3

FRIENDLY

Nelson 1st XI v Westgate-on-Sea 1st XI

THE rain frustrated Nelson and Westgate on Saturday but the pair combined to produce a decent spectacle on Sunday with the latter winning by five wickets.

David Walton (40) and Scott Tift (52) gave Nelson a platform but a collapse followed their departures and they were eventually bowled out for 146.

Westgate chased down the score within 29 overs, with Alex Spokes (46) and Nick Baxter (50) leading the way for the Regional League Premier Division side.

Nelson 1st XI

David Walton	b Andrews	40
Mark Thomas	ct Gibbons b Flint	0
Zeeshan Sheikh	ct Patel b Presley	6
Scott Tift	ct Flint b Baxter	52
Duncan Cotton	ct Spokes b Patel	11
Perry Gillman	b Baxter	1
James Langridge	ct Hogg b Patel	7
Amjad Awan	b Patel	1
Charlie Cotton	b Presley	3
Masoud Rangin	b Presley	1
Stuart Cotton	not out	1
Extras	(3b 19w 1nb)	23
Total	(all out, 38 overs)	146

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Chris Flint	6	0	20	1
Nathan Presley	10	1	28	3
Brian Andrews	7	1	19	1
Nick Haynes	2	0	13	0
Ian Mackenzie	4	0	35	0
Nick Baxter	3	0	7	2
Sid Patel	6	0	21	3

Westgate-on-Sea 1st XI

Alex Spokes	ct Rangin b Awan	46
Paul Gibbons	ct Cotton b D Cotton	1
Freddie Day-Shields	ct Gillman b S Cotton	18
Nick Baxter	ct Tift b Langridge	50
Ian Mackenzie	not out	22
Sid Patel	b C Cotton	2
James Hogg	not out	1
Nick Haynes	did not bat	
Brian Andrews	did not bat	
Chris Flint	did not bat	
Nathan Presley	did not bat	
Extras	(2b 1lb 3w 1nb)	7
Total	(5 wickets, 28.3 overs)	147

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Masoud Rangin	5	0	42	0
Duncan Cotton	7	0	24	1
Amjad Awan	2	1	12	1
Stuart Cotton	3	0	31	1
David Walton	4.3	0	8	0
Charlie Cotton	4	0	14	1
James Langridge	4	0	13	1



# Gate to bolster defence ahead of opening game

## FOOTBALL

■ BY STEVE TERVET

MARGATE welcome Canvey Island to Hartsdown Park on Saturday knowing they must eradicate last weekend's defensive shortcomings if they are to start the league season with a win.

Striker Ismail is set to make his first competitive appearance for the Blues, but skipper Jay Saunders serves the first of a two-game ban while Sam Groombridge's hamstring injury rules him out.

### Contract

The departure of summer signing Allan Tait last week paved the way for Gate manager Iain O'Connell to add another striker to his squad and Ismail was offered a contract following Saturday's 3-3 draw with East Thurrock United.

Having let slip a 3-1 lead, O'Connell criticised his back-five for allowing the Essex side back into the game and warned his players that stiffer tests lie ahead.

"The positives were Ismail's goals and James Pinnock looked very sharp as well," he said. "The negatives were our defending, we conceded three bad goals which should

have been stopped. We want our full-backs pushing up and maybe that was one of the reasons we conceded the goals.

"We will play better teams [than East Thurrock] and I don't want to be letting in three goals. Our defence is decent but maybe we've been a bit gung-ho. They were a good team but they're still a league below us and we should be beating them."

Ismail rifled home Aaron Lacy's pass to give the Blues a fourth-minute lead on Saturday, but the visitors were level on 16 minutes when Kye Ruel skipped past Tommy Osborne and crossed for Jimmy Webb to equalise.

The hosts were back in front when Ismail converted a Curtis Robinson cross, but East Thurrock spurned a golden chance to draw level when Martin Llewellyn's penalty was brilliantly saved by Jamie Turner.

It was 3-1 on the hour mark when Steve Harrison turned Pinnock's cross into his own net, but the visitors were not finished and came roaring back in the final stages.

Ruel pulled it back to 3-2 as Margate's defence wobbled and with three minutes remaining, Neil Richmond pounced to knock a loose ball past Turner for the equaliser.

Reflecting on Ismail's performance, O'Connell said: "Everyone needs a goalscorer and hopefully he'll be ours. We've offered him a deal so hopefully he'll agree to stay. We need to get international clearance first because he's been playing in Sweden. He's got five goals now so he's done really well."



**HOME BOW:** Striker Ismail (left) will make his home debut if Margate get international clearance

## BOXING



**LEARNING:** Vinnie Woolford with trainer Dan Downer

## Woolford aims to get the rounds in

RAMSGATE boxer Vinny Woolford believes longer fights are the key to furthering his professional career following a series of close calls in short bouts.

The 28-year-old light-welterweight is preparing to fight in Sunderland next month – his first ring appearance since drawing with Coventry's Shane Normoyle in April.

"I've had a couple of funny decisions, like the one in Coventry," he said. "When you go away, you almost have to knock them out. I'm having to do a lot of learning in big fights, which isn't the ideal way to progress. I'd maybe have liked a few more learning fights to make sure my record stayed intact."

Both Woolford and younger brother Scott were due to appear at the outdoor Lordswood boxing show, but the duo are now preparing to form part of the undercard for Jason Booth's IBF super-bantamweight title bout with Steve Molitor in Sunderland on September 11.

Woolford is set to fight Glen Foot, making his professional debut, although he already has ideas for how to bolster his record over the next 12 months.

"I've been coming on stronger towards the end of all my fights because one of my advantages is my fitness," he said. "I wouldn't mind having another five fights over the next year, and I wouldn't mind trying to fight ten rounds or fighting for a Southern Area title."



Picture: DAVID STEWART

**CAPTAIN:** Neil Wakefield (left) is new Thanet skipper

## Pre-season trial and error for Wanderers

## RUGBY

THE new London 1 South season is less than three weeks away and Thanet Wanderers stepped up their pre-season work with a narrow 24-21 defeat at Westcliff on Saturday.

Wanderers, under new captain Neil Wakefield, trialled four systems of play during the game and handed debuts to three new players in the defeat in Essex.

Wakefield is skipper following the departure of Ben Massey to Canterbury, and he insisted the game had been a worthwhile exercise.

"There were a lot of positives to take from Saturday's performance," he said. "We had four 20-minute quarters so we changed our game-plan in every quarter and it worked pretty well."

"All the tries came through the backs, none through the forwards, which was positive. That's the kind of rugby we want to play, more expansive, whereas last year we predominantly played through the forwards."

"I'm still learning my role but I've got a good group of lads and there are a few older players in the changing room to look to for support."

Thanet have no game this weekend although they are hoping to arrange another friendly for August 28 before kicking off the new season at London Irish Amateur on September 4.



**LINE-UP:** Ramsgate have made new signings as they look to mount a title challenge in Ryman One South

## Rams assistant boss predicts title charge

## FOOTBALL

RAMSGATE assistant manager Richard Langley believes the league title is within reach this season following the arrival of two new faces at Southwood.

Mark Lovell and Mitchell Sherwood have both signed for the Rams ahead of Saturday's trip to Walton & Hersham and Langley says their experience is exactly what the squad needed.

Both players left Ashford Town after the Nuts and Bolts announced they would not be playing senior football this season and manager Jim Ward was quick to snap up the pair for what he hopes will be a successful promotion campaign.

Lovell limped off during Saturday's 4-0 win over Tilbury, but Langley confirmed his injury was nothing more than a dead

leg and he should start this weekend.

He said: "The demise of Ashford is very unfortunate, but it benefits other clubs and we're fortunate to have both players because they'll be an asset to the squad. It's good to have a few older heads in there, particularly because we want to win the league or, at the very least, get into the play-offs."

"Mark's an experienced striker and Mitchell gives us a bit of experience in mid-field. It's a really good squad with a decent mix of youth and experience, so the balance is right. We've just got to take everything from pre-season into the league games."

Gary Lockyer put Ramsgate ahead with a 29th-minute penalty on Saturday, with Tom Tsangarides converting James Gregory's cross to make it 2-0 before Aaron Beech and Paul Axon completed the scoring.

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